

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

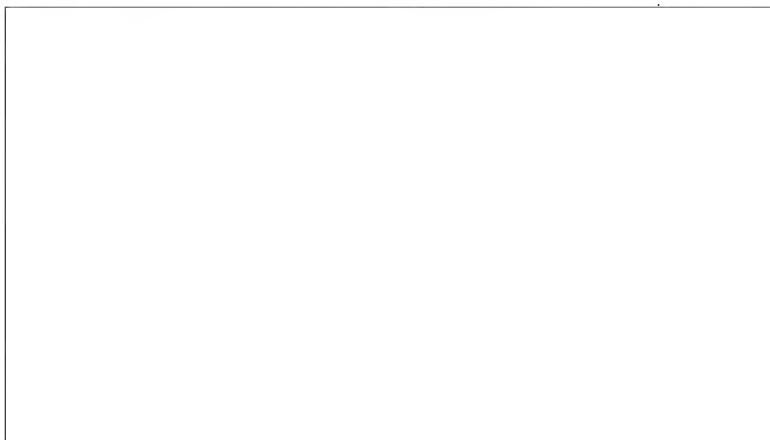
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1. Cuba

a. Photography of 26 March and a preliminary scan of photography of 27 March show no significant change at the Soviet encampments.



c. The passenger ship Baikal arrived in Havana last night. There is no report on passengers yet.

d. Moscow has not commented on the Baku incident. Havana radio quotes Castro as holding the US responsible and threatening to acquire long-range bombers and naval equipment--from sources unspecified--to protect Cuban ships and routes of supply.

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2. USSR

a. Reporting on another rumor about Khrushchev's future, Ambassador Kohler remarks that the spate of such reports deserves attention as a measure of the exceptional indecision now marking Soviet policy.

b. He comments that foreign observers in Moscow cannot remember a time when there were so many persistent rumors on the status of high Soviet personalities, with no official action taken to counter them.

3. Jordan

a. Husayn has chosen former premier Samir Rifai to form the strong and experienced cabinet he says Jordan now needs.

b. [] he is concerned over threats to Jordan's security and wants to provide for firm control in the event he is assassinated.

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c. Rifai is efficient, but the change is unlikely to absolve Husayn from blame for the unpopular policies of former Prime Minister Tal, including support for the Yemeni royalists.

4. Argentina

a. Rumors of a coup continue to circulate in Buenos Aires.

b. Interior Minister Martinez resigned yesterday as a result of pressure from military and civilian leaders who oppose his efforts on behalf of the Guido government to bring Peronists into a national front.

c. The government has reiterated its intention to press for the 23 June elections.

5. Congo

a. Tshombé may be preparing for another secession attempt if negotiations with Leopoldville should fail.

b. Mercenaries are being recruited in Northern Rhodesia, and there are said to be large numbers of Katangan gendarmes and mercenaries in the western part of the province and across the border in Angola.

c. We think these are contingency moves against the time when UN forces are reduced or gone.

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6. Turkey

a. Inonu has given in to popular demonstrations against the release of Bayar. Ankara radio reports that the former president has been returned to a hospital and his parole revoked.

b. Inonu appears with this move to have run out his string. If order is not restored--and Bayar's supporters may now go into the streets--the military will probably take direct control over the government.

NOTES

- A. Korea Top political party leaders boycotted yesterday's meeting on Pak's reorganization plan. Nothing seems to have been accomplished; another session will be held tomorrow.
- B. Chile Chile's powerful Liberal Party, which has supported President Alessandri, has demanded that he break diplomatic relations with Cuba.
- C. Ghana A student magazine published Wednesday at the University of Ghana blasted the Nkrumah regime and communism. Our embassy expects the government to take up the challenge and believes serious trouble may be brewing.
- D. Yemen Another shipment of Soviet military equipment appears to be on the way to Yemen.
- E. Bolivia President Paz Estensorro is said to be manufacturing evidence to justify a crackdown on Bolivian Communists. The government plans to expose a Communist "plot" to overthrow Paz' regime just before his intended visit to the US. Paz has resorted to this kind of intrigue in the past.

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